

February 2, 1929.
[H. R. 14925]
[Public, No. 697.]

CHAP. 131.—An Act To authorize repayment of certain excess amounts paid by purchasers of lots in the town site of Bowdoin, Montana, and for other purposes.

Bowdoin, Mont.
Repayment to town-
lot purchasers in.
Vol. 44, p. 708.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That any excess amounts paid by the purchasers of certain town lots in the town site of Bowdoin, Montana, and authorized to be repaid by the Act of Congress approved June 8, 1926 (Forty-fourth Statutes, page 708), shall, upon certification by the Secretary of the Interior, be paid by the Secretary of the Treasury in all cases where the application for refund is received on or prior to June 8, 1929.

Approved, February 2, 1929.

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[H. J. Res. 350.]
[Pub. Res., No. 78.]

CHAP. 132.—Joint Resolution To provide for the reappointment of Frederic A. Delano and Irwin B. Laughlin as members of the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution.

Smithsonian Institution.
Frederic A. Delano
and Irwin B. Laughlin
reappointed as Regents.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the vacancies in the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution, of the class other than Members of Congress, caused by the expiration of the terms of Frederic A. Delano, of the city of Washington, and Irwin B. Laughlin, of Pennsylvania, on January 21, 1929, be filled by the reappointment of the present incumbents for the statutory term of six years.

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[S. J. Res. 198.]
[Pub. Res., No. 79.]

CHAP. 133.—Joint Resolution To provide for the maintenance of public order and the protection of life and property in connection with the presidential inauguration ceremonies in 1929.

Inauguration of the
President, 1929.
Amount authorized
for maintenance of
order, etc., during the
ceremonies.
Post, p. 1629.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That \$25,000, or so much thereof as may be necessary, payable in like manner as other appropriations for the expenses of the District of Columbia, is hereby authorized to be appropriated to enable the Commissioners of the District of Columbia to maintain public order and protect life and property in said District from the 28th of February to the 10th of March, 1929, both inclusive, including the employment of personal services, payment of allowances, traveling expenses, hire of means of transportation, cost of removing and relocating street car loading platforms, and other incidental expenses in the discretion of the commissioners. Said commissioners are hereby authorized and directed to make all reasonable regulations necessary to secure such preservation of public order and protection of life and property, and to make special regulations respecting the standing, movements, and operating of vehicles of whatever character or kind during said period; and to grant, under such conditions as they may impose, special licenses to peddlers and vendors to sell goods, wares, and merchandise on the streets, avenues, and sidewalks in the District of Columbia, and to charge for such privilege such fees as they may deem proper.

Authority of the Com-
missioners.

Regulations to be
made.

Licenses to peddlers,
etc.

Time of enforcing
regulations, etc.

Such regulations and licenses shall be in force one week prior to said inauguration, during said inauguration, and one week subsequent thereto, and shall be published in one or more of the daily newspapers published in the District of Columbia, and in such other manner as the commissioners may deem best to acquaint the public with the same; and no penalty prescribed for the violation of any of such

regulations shall be enforced until five days after such publication. Any person violating any of such regulations shall be liable for each such offense to a fine not to exceed \$100 in the police court of said District, and, in default of payment thereof, to imprisonment in the workhouse of said District for not longer than sixty days. And the sum of \$2,000, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby likewise authorized, to be expended by the Commissioners of the District of Columbia for the construction, rent, maintenance, and expenses incident to the operation of temporary public-comfort stations, first-aid stations, and information booths, during the period aforesaid, including the employment of personal services.

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Penalties.

Amount for temporary comfort stations, personal services, etc.
Post, p. 1629.

CHAP. 145.—An Act To authorize the city of Niobrara, Nebraska, to transfer Niobrara Island to the State of Nebraska.

February 4, 1929.

[S. 4079.]

[Public, No. 698.]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the consent of the United States is hereby granted to the city of Niobrara, Nebraska, to transfer to the State of Nebraska all the rights, title, and interest of such city in and to Niobrara Island, an island in the Niobrara River, if the State of Nebraska, before the expiration of five years from the date of the enactment of this Act, formally accepts such island subject to the same conditions (except the condition as to time of acceptance) as are imposed by section 21 of the Act entitled "An Act to divide a portion of the reservation of the Sioux Nation of Indians in Dakota into separate reservations and to secure the relinquishment of the Indian title to the remainder, and for other purposes," approved March 2, 1889, in respect of the donation to the city of Niobrara of such island.

Niobrara Island.
Transfer of, from city of Niobrara to Nebraska, consented to.

Conditions.

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Approved, February 4, 1929.

CHAP. 146.—An Act To provide for the transfer of the returns office from the Interior Department to the General Accounting Office, and for other purposes.

February 4, 1929.

[H. R. 9570.]

[Public, No. 699.]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the returns office, together with its activities, personnel, contracts, bids, offers, proposals, advertisements, books, records, documents, furniture, office equipment, and papers and property of whatsoever character, is hereby transferred from the Interior Department to the General Accounting Office; and all powers and duties whatsoever in connection therewith now vested in or required to be performed by or under the Secretary of the Interior are transferred to, vested in, and required to be performed by or under the Comptroller General of the United States.

Returns office, Interior Department.
Transfer of, its functions, etc., to General Accounting Office.

Comptroller General vested with full authority, etc.

SEC. 2. That so much of appropriations for the Interior Department as applies to expenditures for the returns office, including personnel therefor, is transferred to and made applicable for expenditure by the General Accounting Office.

Department appropriations transferred.

SEC. 3. That the Comptroller General of the United States is authorized to perform all acts and make such rules and regulations as necessary to carry the provisions of this Act into effect.

Regulations, etc., to be made.

SEC. 4. That all laws and parts of laws in so far as inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed.

Laws repealed.
R. S., secs. 512-515, p. 85, repealed.

SEC. 5. This Act shall take effect July 1, 1929.

U. S. Code, p. 1309.
Effective July 1, 1929.

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